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LEA THOMPSON: In Lifestyles tonight we're going to examine the super secret world of spies and espionage, the way it really is in the U.S. intelligence community versus the way Hollywood would have us believe it is.

JIM VANCE: This is the world of spies and counter-spies that most of us know.

(Clip of James Bond movie.)

VANCE: It's the James Bonds of the world, performing the most incredible daredevil feats one could imagine. And of course, all the action takes place in exotic places with beautiful scenery such as the Swiss Alps or the Far East. And what would the espionage world be like without the world's most beautiful women?

(Clip of movie.)

VANCE: And lots of high speed chases and car crashes? Looks like the Beltway, doesn't it?

Our guest tonight says the real world of spies and moles is not at all like what we just saw. Please meet Dr. Jeffrey Richelson. He has just written a fascinating book. It is entitled "The U.S. Intelligence Community." Mr. Richelson, welcome. Am I pronouncing your name right, by the way?

DR. JEFFREY RICHELSON: Yes. Correct.

VANCE: Okay, thank you.